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MINUTES OF THE **SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS** **MEETING OF MAY 12, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Montaña called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Chairperson Montaña led in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

ATTENDANCE

Present

Chairperson Eleanor R. Montaña
Barbara Bigby
Rita Hall
Anne S. Hill

Absent

Vice Chairperson Frank Bacio
John Hammargren
Carl E. Moore

Staff

Lee Millen
Nyla Jefferson

APPROVAL OF APRIL 28, 2010 MEETING MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Bigby, seconded by Commissioner Hill and unanimously carried, the minutes of the meeting of April 28, 2010 were approved with the following edit:

Page 2 caption, should include, April 22, 2010 to April 27, 2010.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chairperson Montaña shared the following:

- Read a Thank You Card from Sandra Barbee, former Division Chief of Commission Services, wishing the Commission continued success.
- Reviewed Los Angeles Times Newspaper articles:
 - *Foster Care Loses Safety Net (5-1-10)*
 - *Health and Safety Issues Remain in Juvenile Facilities (5-12-10)*
 - *Mom versus L.A. County (5-6-10)*
 - *Juvenile Facilities Still Can't Meet U.S. Goals (5-12-10)*
- Reviewed Daily Breeze article, *Medieval Abuse in Jail Alleged (5-6-10)*. Chairperson Montaña requested a copy of a report cited in the article.

TREASURER'S REPORT

There was none.

STAFF REPORT

Staff distributed the following:

- Los Angeles Times Newspaper article, *A Troubled System Works (5-8-10)*, provided by Lisa Campbell-Motton, Probation Department, that referred to a successful adoption.
- 2009 Inspection Reports of Probation Camps in Los Angeles County provided for Commissioners' use.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS ON GROUP HOMES AND/OR DETENTION FACILITIES INSPECTIONS FROM APRIL 29, 2010 TO MAY 11, 2010

Children Are Our Future (West Hills) – 7, #2 - Commissioners Bigby and Hill

The facility was visited on April 30, 2010, and was found to be in unsatisfactory condition.

Areas of Concerns: Needs and Services Plans not on site, menu not posted, need to re-caulk bathroom #2, all 3 bedrooms need painting and curtains for closets, kitchen needs painting and sink re-caulked, and carpet needs cleaning. A follow-up inspection is planned in 30 days.

T&T Home for Boy's– 43, #1 – Chairperson Montaña The facility was visited on May 3, 2010, and was found to be in satisfactory condition. **Areas of Concern:** Need mattress pads, dresser drawers broken, furniture in bad shape, need key for garage to determine the condition of the car, restock first aid kit, and clean oven and under the sink.

Probation Camp Clinton B. Afflerbaugh - Chairperson Montaña, Vice Chairperson Bacio, and Commissioners Bigby, Hall and Moore The facility was visited on May 4, 2010, and found to be in satisfactory condition. **Areas of Concern:** The walk in refrigerator has been broken for 5 years and needs replacing, and the fascia board and rain gutters need repair.

Children's Home of Southern California – 10, #1 – Chairperson Montaña The facility was visited on May 5, 2010, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Hathaway-Sycamore Children Family – 22, #2 – Commissioner Bigby The facility was visited on May 5, 2010, and found to be in satisfactory condition. A follow-up inspection is planned to review the Needs and Services Plans and inspect blinds.

Hathaway-Sycamore Children Family – 22, #2 – Commissioner Bigby The facility was visited on May 7, 2010, and found to be in satisfactory condition. **Area of Concern:** All Needs and Services Plans were updated.

Turmont Home for Boys – 45, #4 - Chairperson Montaña The facility was visited on May 10, 2010, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Children Are Our Future (Chatsworth House) – 8, #1- Commissioners Bigby and Hill The facility was visited on May 11, 2010, and found to be satisfactory condition. **Area of Concern:** One youth turns 18 and will be leaving soon, and the Needs and Services Plan is not on site. A follow-up inspection is planned in two weeks.

Positive Path Youth Development – 38, #2 - Chairperson Montaña The facility was visited on May 11, 2010, and found to be satisfactory condition.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENT

Chair Montaña requested staff to contact Captain Daniel Cruz, Men's Central Jail, to schedule a 30 minute meeting on May 27, 2010 to discuss the alleged abuses in the jails and conduct an inspection.

Commission Members wished Chair Montaña a Happy Belated Birthday.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 p.m.